

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

## Veterans Day2013

The City hosted a well-attended ceremony honoring United States Veterans. Led by Mayor Owings, the program included musical performances by the Valley View High School Crimson Regiment Marching Band and the Moreno Valley Master Chorale. Captain Julius Murphy of the Salvation Army Moreno Valley Corps provided a moving invocation and the Riverside National Cemetery Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Detail contributed to the ceremony with the posting of colors and a powerful flag folding ceremony. The featured speaker, Brigadier General James Melin (Ret) spoke about the role of veterans post-service and what civilians can do to help them with re-entry. The City Council and the Knights of Columbus, A.F. Chelbana Assembly closed by laying a wreath at the foot of the memorial.

Many thanks go out to the City's planning group that worked to make the 2013 Veterans Day event one of the most memorable.

## **Legislative Items**

Three legislative items have recently been taken to the City Council either for action or direction.

- November 12- Resolution to support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan
- November 19- 2013/2014 Legislative Platform
- November 19- Update on the State's effort to ban or limit the use of plastic bags

## Amazon Experience in Patterson, CA

Key members of the Executive Management team and I participated in a conference call last week with Rod Butler, City Manager of Patterson, CA. Patterson was the first city in which an Amazon fulfillment center was located and I wanted the team to talk with Mr. Butler and discuss their experience in processing this major project. Their fulfillment center has been issued a temporary certificate of occupancy and has been operational for about 6 weeks. The communication was very helpful as we discussed their experiences regarding plan check and inspection timeframes, sales tax sharing agreements, media outreach, community involvement, electricity rates, etc.

## Webpage Dedicated to Government Transparency

Recognizing the public interest in the federal grand jury subpoenas, staff explored how the City may share investigation-related information on a

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continuing basis, promoting transparency while preserving the integrity of the investigative process. A new Government Transparency webpage has been created on the City's website. Links are provided to the investigation-related public information that the City has been allowed to share. Updates regarding availability of related information and documents will be provided as frequently as possible. The new webpage can be accessed from the main page on the City's website or directly via the following link: <a href="https://www.moval.org/g-tran">www.moval.org/g-tran</a>.

## **Graphics Support**

- Soaring Recreation Guide Winter/Spring 2014 is being finalized for the printer. This issue will highlight the Hike to the Top program, spotlight Christmas and Easter holiday programs, thank Parks volunteers, solicit new board members and commissioners, and promote City recreation programs taking place from January-April 2014. The issue is scheduled to hit mailboxes November 26, giving residents over a month to sign up for classes.
- It's CAFR time. Graphics has worked with Finance to design covers and tabs to coordinate with the existing budget theme.
- Promotional materials for Parks' winter programs, including Snow Day, Community Tree Ornaments, and Letters to Santa.
- Creating promotional materials for the Animal Shelter that include an ad campaign to highlight newly expanded weekend hours as well as individual campaigns for 5 - 6 holiday themed adoption drives.
- The 2014 Payroll Calendar is under development with distribution expected in mid-December.
- Coordinating with the City Clerk's office for both the promotion of the Board and Commission vacancies and an update of the confidential phone list (coming in December.)

#### Media and Communication

## **Event Coverage**

ArtoberFest

Recently MVTV-3 was on hand to provide video coverage of Artober Fest 2013. A News Center video will be available soon spotlighting this event.

Veterans Day Ceremony

On Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> MVTV-3 provided audio, video and photographic coverage of the 2013 Veterans Day Ceremony. The full length Veterans Day Ceremony video will be available on MVTV-3 and YouTube soon.

Youth Fall Festival

MVTV-3 staff was on hand to provide coverage of this year's Youth Fall Festival. A News Center video will be available soon spotlighting this event.

• "M" Landmark Improvement

Volunteers rallied together to give the "M" on Box Springs Mountain a makeover and MVTV-3 was on hand to provide video and photographic coverage of this event.

## New MVTV-3/YouTube Programming

- "Shop MoVal: 2013 Holiday Ad" http://youtu.be/nylWFP-eiJ0
- "Moreno Valley Citywide Camera System PSA" <a href="http://youtu.be/MqjBRaZdFH4">http://youtu.be/MqjBRaZdFH4</a>
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Banig Restaurant" http://youtu.be/zyVcVhznpUI
- "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business: Tutu Barre"
- http://youtu.be/t2cbKbaQpUI
- MVTV-3 provides video and audio coverage City Council Meetings and Study Sessions. The
  meetings are available on the City's Website at the following address: <a href="http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/city\_council/agendas-sire.shtml">http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/city\_council/agendas-sire.shtml</a>

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Library

## Artober Fest 2013



The library provided 29 programs this month. Here is a sampling: 24 preschool story times, participation in the Artober Fest and the Walk to School





event at Badger Springs Elementary and a "How to

Crochet" class that began October 22nd and will continue into November and December. In addition, the children's librarian visited two pre-school classes at Serrano Elementary.

The library was featured in an editorial in the Oct-Nov edition of "Your Villa: Moreno Valley" community magazine, highlighting the recent changes and improvements to library services. One of those improvements includes free tutoring opportunities for Moreno Valley students. A list of 30 volunteer tutors is available at the Reference Desk. This new program employs an outreach coordinator who is visiting local high schools to educate school staff and students regarding the Library's volunteer program. In gearing up for the volunteer program our coordinator attended two workshops: "Building and Sustaining a Dynamic Volunteer Program" and "Teen Volunteer Programs: There's More than Simply Shelving."

The library was also able to expand its eBook collection with new titles and is planning on adding more eBooks including eAudiobooks, in the next couple of months.

The Library offered Halloween Story Times on Halloween Day in the morning as well as the evening with a costume parade through the library and Trick or Treating for the participating children.











## Human Resources

## Wellness Program

The Open Enrollment process has come and gone once again, closing on October 10, 2013. This was the first open enrollment process using eSuite for the City. It was a huge success! Thank you to all City employees for your patience and understanding while transitioning to this new system. HR was pleased with the outcome and has come up with ideas to improve on the system to better assist employees and HR staff for the next Open Enrollment.

Flu Season is here! Riverside Medical Clinic administered 74 flu shots to City employees on 10/17/13 as part of our Wellness Program. Thank you to all who participated! And please remember, if you do become ill, stay home until you are well. We don't want to expose other employees to the flu or other illnesses unnecessarily.

## **Talent Management**

Recruitment and/or selection processes are underway for a number of open positions citywide including the following:

- Accountant I (FTC-96 applications to date). Closes 11/5/13.
- Code Compliance Officer I (FT/Temp-205 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Recreation Aide-4 positions (PT/Temp-125 applicants). Applications under review.
- Child Care Assistant (FTC-92 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Recycling Specialist (FTC-157 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Planning Division Manager/Building Official (DMG-85 applicants). Filing period extended-closes 11/10/13.
- Senior Electrical Engineer (FTC-15 applicants). Applications under review. External recruitment simultaneously.
- Traffic Signal Technician (FTC-96 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Code Compliance Field Supervisor (FTC-114 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Maintenance Worker I 3 positions (PTC-269 applicants). 3 Candidates selected, recruitment closed.
- Storekeeper (FTC-280 applicants to date). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Community Services Supervisor (PAM-302 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.

Total: 15 recruitments New recruitments: 1 Closed recruitments: 3 Ongoing recruitments: 8

## Workers Compensation for September:

New claims: 2 Closed claims: 0

Ongoing open claims: 28

#### Facilities Division



Facilities is putting the final touches on the City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rehabilitation. A new item that we are putting in place is way-finding signage. These signs are intended to guide visitors to the new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Reception Area. Since the new Reception Area is a visitor's first stop, we will also place signage for the City

Clerk, Business License and the Training Room locations to further guide visitors to these final destinations. The signs will be either wall mounted or hung from the ceiling.

## **Animal Services Division**



## Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Welcomes MVUSD Work-Ability Student

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter has partnered with the Moreno Valley Unified School District to participate in the District's Work-Ability Program as an approved worksite providing district high school students work experience. During the month of

October 2013 one student will be working with animal care and office staff at the Animal Shelter to gain experience working in a municipal animal shelter. The Work-Ability program has proven to be a successful program for students allowing them the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and increase their confidence as they enter into today's workforce.

## Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Participates in the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter participated in the 2013 Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Expo held at the Moreno Valley Mall on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Guillén, Animal Services Office Supervisor, (pictured) represented the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter at the event. Local residents as well as a number of local businesses stopped by the Animal Services' booth to receive information regarding services provided by the Animal



Services Division to the community as well as to receive promotional information regarding our upcoming pet adoption events and low cost vaccination clinics at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter.

## Results of the Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter. Many local residents took advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees as well as the opportunity to update their pet's vaccinations and purchase or renew their city dog license. Results of the clinic:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination	64
Number of Dogs Receiving a 5 in 1 Vaccination	65
Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to Dogs	50
Number of Dog Licenses Sold	34

## Successful Pet Adoption Events in October 2013

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter held a special pet adoption event,



"Autumn Leaves are Turning" on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Shelter's low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic. Special adoption fees applied all day resulting in the adoption of 24 dogs and 4 cats. Three dogs were also reclaimed by their owners during this daylong event.



On Saturday, October 26, 2013, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter was invited by the Parks and Community Services Department to attend the

Artoberfest at the Conference and Recreation Center to highlight adoptable pets. Results were successful as 12 dogs and 4 cats were

adopted and 8 dogs were reunited with their owners. Animal Services staff sends a special thanks to Mike McCarty and his team for their ongoing support of the Animal Shelter. By increasing the exposure of shelter animals at special events, we are better able to find new homes for some wonderful pets. Pictured are shelter staff and volunteers at the CRC along with prospective pet adopters visiting a shelter pet.



## Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Donates Pet to Boy Scouts of America Fundraiser

On October 24<sup>th</sup> the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter provided an adoptable dog for the Boy Scouts fundraiser at their 2013 Distinguished Citizen of the Year event held at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club. In addition to this dog being adopted, 3 more adoptable pets found their forever home during the evening. The opportunity to highlight adoptable pets at this annual event is greatly appreciated by the Animal Shelter as it not only helps in finding homes for deserving pets but also contributes to raising needed funds for the Boy Scouts.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### Administration

## Private Gym Facilities in TownGate

Three new private gym facilities will be opening in the TownGate area. Crunch Gyms has commenced tenant improvements for their new location on the east end of the Moreno Valley Mall near Sears. The Planning applications for the change of use and signs have been approved. Planet Fitness has also commenced tenant improvements for their new location between Ross and BevMo! in the TownGate Shopping Center. Planning applications for the change of use and signs are approved. 24 Hour Fitness has received approval for a new facility on Day Street just north of Costco in the TownGate Promenade Shopping Center. 24 Hour Fitness has purchased the site, with construction slated to start next year. The other two gyms locating in existing buildings anticipate opening before the end of this year.

Miguel's Jr. The Miguel's Jr. drive through restaurant is now open on Day Street, south of Portillo's, in the TownGate Square Shopping Center. The 2,868 square foot restaurant is fully staffed and doing well.

## Aldi Foods

At the June 11, 2013, City Council meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved for Aldi Foods to formalize the incentives to be provided for the project. Aldi will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard, and construct an 800,000 square foot warehouse facility which will include 200,000 square feet of refrigerated space and a 50,000 square foot regional office facility. Plans for the modifications to the approved building have been submitted to Planning and are under final review by the development services team. Aldi will directly employ 200 workers and contractors providing service to the facility will employ several hundred more workers. The project grading is in plan check and company officials anticipate starting construction prior to the end of this year.

Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,200 stores in the United States. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California and the construction of several dozen stores in the State.

## Harbor Freight Tools

The Harbor Freight expansion to the existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park is in plan check and site reconfiguration has commenced. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot facility, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company.

## Panattoni Development

Active construction for the 1,476,016 square foot logistics building, located at the southwest corner of Iris Avenue and Indian Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area, is underway. The developer also began street and utility improvements in Indian Street last month. The facility has been leased to a Fortune 500 corporation that anticipates initially employing as many as 800 people at the site. Occupancy is anticipated in mid-2014.

## **USAA/Overton Moore Properties**

The approved 522,772 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Frederick Street, is complete. While not leased, the owners of the building are in serious negotiations with a number of potential tenants.

## Trammell Crow Properties/Amazon

Construction of the approved 1,252,276 square foot logistics building, located at the northwest corner of San Michele Road and Indian Street, is well underway. Trammell Crow recently finalized lease negotiations with Amazon. The revised plans to accommodate the tenant were approved by Planning in early September. Trammell submitted plan checks to Building and Fire in late September and early October to accommodate their tenant. Amazon anticipates starting operations at the site in mid-2014 and has announced plans to hire at least 1,000 employees to staff the facility.

Separately, Trammell Crow is seriously pursuing a nearby site assembly to accommodate another logistics projects.

## First 36 Logistics

First Industrial Corporation's construction of the First 36 Logistics building on the east side of Perris Boulevard in the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area is well underway. The company has commenced construction of the 555,670 square foot building and is expediting their schedule due to active interest from several prospective tenants.

## <u>Stater Bros. – Pigeon Pass Shopping Center</u>

Stater Bros. new store in Pigeon Pass Plaza opened on November 13th. From start to finish, the top line store was completed in four months. City staff expedited plan checks and inspections to meet Stater's aggressive schedule. Corporate officers were very pleased to have the store open so soon, since their typical remodel takes one year to complete.

## Polly's Pies

Polly's Pies purchased the former Red Robin restaurant recently and is nearing completion of their remodel. Corporate officials are working closely with City staff to open prior to Thanksgiving.

#### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates an increase in the number of homes for sale in the City, along with a decrease in median asking prices. As of November 1, 2013, 541 homes were listed for sale, compared with 530 at the start of the prior month, and 428 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and then increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining to under 300 in May 2013. Homes for sale have been increasing since that time.

The current inventory of homes for sale is still about a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The median asking price was \$250,000, compared with \$269,500 in the prior month and \$165,500 in the same month last year. Aggressive pricing by sellers has been tempered by rising interest rates and the traditional winter seasonal slowdown in home buying activity.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Nov. 2013	Oct. 2013	<b>Change</b>	Nov. 2012	<b>Change</b>
Homes for Sale	541	530	2%	428	26%

## Foreclosures

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for September shows an increase in foreclosure activity in the City and in the County. The website reported one in 362 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.27% of homes with mortgages in the City. A higher number (362) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.27%). This compares to a rate of one in 538 units in the prior month and one in 157 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity is 49% higher than the prior month and 57% lower than the same month last year. Foreclosure activity has increased now that banks have a clear idea of new State and Federal foreclosure regulations introduced earlier this year and rising property values that limit loan losses.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is somewhat higher than most local communities, and the County's average. Thermal had the lowest rate locally (1 in 1865) and North Palm Springs had the highest rate (1 in 135).

By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 299) and, area 92557 had the lowest rate (1 in 403). The foreclosure rate increased in all areas: 92551, 92553, 92555, and 92557.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Sept. 2013	Aug. 2013	<b>Change</b>	Sept. 2012	<u>Change</u>
Foreclosure Rate/City	362	538	49%	157	(57%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	467	595	27%	204	(56%)

## Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley continue to increase in 2013. In September 2013, the average home resale value was \$216,182, which was a 2% increase from the value of \$212,323 reported for the month of August 2013, and a 31% increase from the value of \$164,595 reported for the month of September 2012. The City of Corona saw their property values decrease by approximately 4%. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Perris, Murrieta, Temecula and Hemet/San Jacinto saw property values increase in September by approximately 9.2%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period decreased by 19% - going from 223 transactions in August to 181 in September 2013. There have been a total of 1,647 transactions for the year thus far.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Sept. 2013	Aug. 2013	<b>Change</b>	Sept. 2012	<u>Change</u>
Resale Transactions	181	223	(19%)	185	(2%)
Home Resale Value	\$216,182	\$212,323	2%	\$164,595	31%

#### ERC Update

The Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center (ERC) in partnership with the Riverside County Workforce Development Division provides free employment related services for both job seekers and employers. Job seekers search for employment using computers, tutorials, resume preparation tools

and participate in workforce readiness workshops. Training for positions in the logistics industry is periodically offered by the Riverside Corporate Connection through the Riverside Community College system. Employers post job listings, conduct on-site recruitments, utilize classroom space for employee orientations, and participate in tax incentive programs for new employees and on the job training. Small business assistance is offered through the Southern California Organization of Retired Executives (SCORE).

The overall activity level at the Moreno Valley ERC consistently rates second in the County to the main facility in Riverside. The word is out! Approximately 86% of the 1,062 patrons who received services in October live in Moreno Valley. The good news continues. More employers are also utilizing the ERC. Recruitments were held for four employers during the last week of October attracting 170 pre-qualified applicants. Moreno Valley residents represented 132 or 78% of the total applicants. This generally reflects the ratio of residents hired as well. The ERC has additional recruitments scheduled in November and continues to make a positive impact on employment in Moreno Valley.

## Q2 2013 Sales Tax Revenue Summary

In a continued trend upward, reports for Second Quarter (Q2) 2013 sales tax revenue continues to be positive. The 6.6% rise in Q2 2013 sales tax revenue, on an adjusted basis, as compared to Q2 2012 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive increase since the bottoming-out of the recession in fourth quarter 2009. While the "cash basis" is reported at -15.4% the adjusted percent (+6.6%) is reflective of certain accounting aberrations such as under or over payment providing a more accurate account of sales activity in a given quarter.

The Q2 2013 Sales Tax Revenue Summary report compares adjusted Q2 2012 sales tax revenue totals with adjusted Q2 2013 totals (Q2 revenue is generated between April and June). Hinderliter de Llamas Companies (HdL) compiles the sales tax revenue data obtained from the State Board of Equalization. The release of data by the State and the preparation of the comprehensive report by HdL typically occur approximately four to five months after the end of the respective quarter.

Q2 2013 sales tax revenue for the City of Moreno Valley increases are comparable to both Riverside County and the State, with increases of 7.3%, and 5.4%, respectively. All but three of the twenty eight Riverside County cities experienced a positive sales tax performance. Blythe, Canyon Lake, and Wildomar are the three cities within Riverside County with a sales tax drop of 1.7% and 2.1%, and 2.2% respectively. The City of Moreno Valley ranked 9<sup>th</sup> highest of the twenty eight Riverside County cities listed.

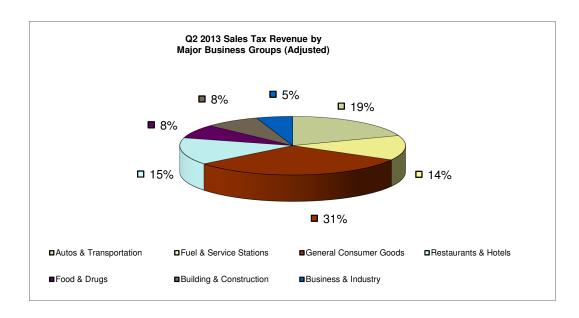
Six cities in Riverside County experienced double digit growth for this quarter. Leading Riverside County cities sales tax revenue increases with double digits was Perris, followed by Norco, Cathedral City, Murrieta, Indio, and lastly, Corona.

The table below compares Q2 2013 sales tax revenues to Q2 2012 sales tax revenues for the City of Moreno Valley and other immediately surrounding western Riverside County cities with comparable population, as well as Riverside County and the State of California, ranking the all agencies by adjusted percentage change.

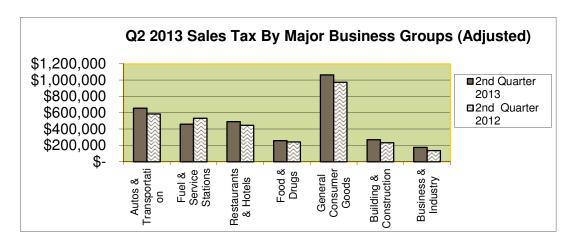
Sales Tax Trends Q2 2013						
City/Agency	Population	2nd Quarter 2013	2nd Quarter 2012	Dollar Difference	Standard Percent Change	Adjusted Percent Change
Moreno Valley	196,495	\$3,371,010	\$3,985,019	\$ -614,009	-15.4%	6.6%
Murrieta	104,985	\$2,850,774	\$2,673,262	\$177,512	6.6%	10.6%
Corona	154,520	\$7,914,765	\$7,192,546	\$722,219	10.0%	10.0%
Riverside County	2,227,577	\$76,121,313	\$72,030,697	\$4,090,616	5.7%	7.3%
Riverside	308,511	\$11,619,052	\$10,904,073	\$714,979	6.6%	7.2%
State	37,679,000	\$1,491,451,878	\$1,397,141,313	\$94,310,565	6.8%	5.4%
Hemet	80,089	\$2,320,828	\$2,248,593	\$72,235	3.2%	4.6%
Temecula	103,092	\$6,412,655	\$6,410,253	\$2,402	0.0%	2.3%

Among this comparative group of cities, the City of Moreno Valley ranked 5th with 6.6% adjusted percent change as compared to Q2 2012. Murrieta ranked first with an increase of 10.6%, followed by Corona, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Hemet and Temecula with increases of 10.0%, 7.2%, 6.6%, 4.6% and 2.3% respectively. The County of Riverside had a moderate increase of 7.3%, whereas the State of California had a marginal increase of 5.4% in sales tax revenues in Q2 2013.

The pie chart provides a graphic illustration of the percentage breakdown of Moreno Valley's Q2 2013 sales tax revenue allocations by major business groups. The largest contributor of point-of-sale revenue came from sales in General Consumer Goods category, representing 31% of Moreno Valley's total allocation with a change of 15.4% in spending overall in all categories from the same quarter last year.



Demonstrating Moreno Valley's Q2 spending changes from 2012 to 2013, the chart below categorizes spending changes (largest to smallest) by major business groups.



Moreno Valley's ongoing course toward economic recovery is evident. Gains in all but the Autos and Transportation category outpaced countywide and regional trends. The Business & Industry category had the highest increase in percentage of change in sales tax revenue of 27.3% over the Q2 in 2012. Energy projects boost Business & Industry category but retroactive accounting adjustment also inflated receipts in the comparison quarter. Auto & Transportation, Restaurants and Hotels, General Consumer Goods categories were all positive.

The Autos & Transportation category saw an increase of 11.4% (\$67,001). The continued double digit increases in sales in Autos & Transportation were directly reflective of consumer confidence and successful ownership at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall.

Building and Construction category experienced an increase of 15.1% reflecting of home remodeling activities. Slight gains were also achieved in the Restaurant & Hotels category, and the General Consumer Goods category with increases of 9.7% and 8.9% respectively, Sales for giant retailers such as Costco, Super Target, and Walmart Supercenter were mixed. Both Super Target and Costco's sales were up slightly, while Walmart Supercenter's was down.

Food and Drugs category experienced an increase of 5.3%, which was above State and County at 2.0% and 3.1%. Reduced consumption combined with lower gasoline prices cut Fuel & Service Stations sales by 14.1%. The percentage of sales increase and decrease in all categories represents \$208,015 increase in sales (6.6%).

The following identifies Moreno Valley's top twenty-five sales tax producers during the 2nd Quarter 2013 (listed alphabetically):

- Arco (2)
- **■** Chevron (2)
- Circle K
- Costco
- Food 4 Less
- Home Depot
- iHerb
- Lowe's

- Macy's
- Moss Bros Buick GMC
- Moss Bros. Chevrolet
- Moss Bros. Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge
- Moss Bros. Honda
- Moss Bros. Toyota
- Ross Dress for Less
- Sears

- Stater Bros.
- Super Target
- Serta mattress Company
- Tesoro Refining & Marketing
- Vans
- Volkswagen of Moreno Valley
- Walmart Supercenter

Overall, sales in Moreno Valley have steadily increasing. The general consensus is that the state's economy will continue to recover in 2013-14. Although of late revenue increases have come from auto sales which independently do not indicate a healthy economic climate, but with improvements in

the housing sector and continued recovery in construction activity, increases in general consumer goods, as well as other categories, may well be an indicator of economic recovery.

For more information, please refer to the *Moreno Valley Sales Tax Update* and the *California Forecast* prepared by Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates (HdL) that is available in the Economic Development Department or on the City's website.

## **Building & Safety Division**

### **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Building & Safety Division for the months of October 2012 and October 2013.

October 2012	October 2013
567	613
132	170
1,045,491	18,217,023
730	970
N/A	11
136	251
63,120	324,102
	132 1,045,491 730 N/A 136

## Code & Neighborhood Services Division

## **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of October 2012 and October 2013.

	<u>October 2012</u>	October 2013
Cases Initiated	343	326
Closed Case Investigations	347	284
Parking Citations Issued	2,120	2,013
Administrative Citations Issued	129*	63
Counter Customers	324	267

<sup>\*</sup>Daily Enforcement of Marijuana Dispensaries

## Planning Division

## **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics provided are for the Planning Division for the months of October 2012 and October 2013.

	<u>October 2012</u>	<u>October 2013</u>
Counter Customers	314	359
Major Case Submittals	2	1
Minor Case Submittals	53	55
Plan Check Submittals	27	77
Application Fees	\$ 48,459	\$ 46,214

## **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission meeting was held on October 24, 2013. The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects and took the following actions:

• A Tentative Tract Map 36522 and Master Site Plan for future improvements at a church were reviewed and approved. The proposal is to merge existing parcels on a church site into one

parcel, and the approval of a Master Site Plan for the existing and future church site. The project is located at the southeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Perris Boulevard.

## Project Pending Before the Planning Commission

The following items are scheduled for the November 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting:

- The State Route Highway 60 Corridor Study is scheduled for review. The Corridor Study identifies land use alternatives for future development within four designated sub-areas with consideration of highest and best use and compatibility with existing and proposed adjacent land uses. City Council review is anticipated in December.
- A proposed Specific Plan Amendment to the Towngate Specific Plan would allow Senior Housing and Assisted Living facilities within the Office Commercial zones, and makes modifications to development standards related to these uses.

## Administrative Approvals

- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a 27,895 square foot recreational health facility (Planet Fitness) at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite D-1. The applicant is DK Mullin Architects.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a new storefront church. The applicant is Arturo Linares.
- An Extension of Time application was approved for Tentative Tract Map No. 33962. The applicant is the Industrial Group, A California Limited Partnership.
- An Amended Administrative Plot Plan was approved to add a storage equipment room for a micro-brewery and tasking business at 14300 Elsworth St. The applicant is Markus Cole, Kat Daddy Brewery LLC.
- An Administrative Plot Plan for the establishment of a fitness center (Crunch Fitness) in the Moreno Valley Mall. The applicant is Bryan Montoya.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the remodel of the City Hall entry plaza.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the Diego Public Charter School (Learn for Life) at 24021 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is the Diego Plus Corporation.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for propane cylinders exchange/locked case at the existing Circle K at 12625 Frederick St. The applicant is Americas Propane.
- A second unit permit was approved at 24789 Myers Avenue. The applicants are Elena Carrillo and Pablo Santos.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for an Administrative Plot Plan for an infant care facility at 14420 Elsworth St. Suite 103. The applicant is Crystal Edwards.

## **Recent Case Submittals**

- A Conditional Use Permit application was submitted for a new telecommunications site for Verizon at the EMWD facility at 25565 Kalmia.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for architectural review of proposed homes for Tentative Tract 36598. The applicant is Habitat for Humanity.
- Sign applications were submitted for the new Stater Bros. store at the northwest corner of Ironwood and Pigeon Pass.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for modifications of an approved Assisted Living Facility at Moreno Beach and Brodiaea. The applicant is Continental East Fund VII.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the addition of guard shacks at the Lowe's warehouse building within the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.
  - A pre-application review was submitted for 17 multi-family residential units. The site is located at Atwood and Perris.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a drive-up ATM kiosk for Bank of America.

- The project is located at the northwest corner of Ironwood and Heacock.
- An Administrative Plot Plan application was submitted for the design review of new residences at the southwest corner of Bay and Moreno Beach. The applicant is Frontier Communities.
- An pre-application review was submitted for housing units at the existing Moreno Valley Ranch Golf course.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the exterior re-painting at the existing Denny's at 24952 Sunnymead Boulevard.
- An amended CUP was submitted for the installation of an emergency backup generator at an existing telecommunications facility (Verizon) at 25050 Alessandro Boulevard.

## World Logistics Center

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released on Monday February 4, 2013. Comments on the DEIR were due on or before April 8, 2013. Approximately 140 comments have been received to date from local residents and property owners, responsible agencies and environmental groups, including a number received after the due date. The due date provided for a 60 day public review period for the DEIR, well in excess of the 45 day review period required by State Law.

The EIR consultant is continuing to review all comments received during that period and provide written responses for final review by City staff and the City's peer consultant. Those received shortly after the due date will also be provided with written responses, including a notation that they were late. The draft EIR and Response to Comments will constitute the final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by the SR60 Freeway, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

#### FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Special Districts Division

<u>Hidden Springs Residents Committee Engagement In Neighborhood Increases - Project List 2013</u> Recommendation Received

The Hidden Springs Residents Committee (HSRC) worked together to develop and recommend a list of \$16,000 in projects for landscape reinvestment. Since transitioning to a modified reduced landscape maintenance service schedule in October 2011, the residents have become intimately involved in the budget for Zone E-2 and the processes the City utilizes in providing landscape maintenance services. In response to the residents' concerns, it was requested that they develop, prioritize and recommend a list of landscape maintenance projects worth \$16,000. The \$16,000 is the combination of \$10,000 in contract savings budgeted in the current fiscal year, \$3,000 in unspent funds budgeted for replants in FY 2012/13 and \$3,000 for replants budgeted in FY 2013/14.

The HSRC designated a small group of residents to work with staff to understand the irrigation infrastructure, ideal plant material and other issues to create the list. The smaller group also worked with their neighbors to craft their vision for the area and develop consensus on priorities. Utilizing the City's online GIS program, they identified planter areas of concern and indicated their vision for each which included the type of plant material and quantity of plants or trees. Not only did they select plants they find visually appealing and conducive to the environment, but they evaluated the water requirements for each in an effort to control that ongoing expense. During their September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> meetings, the small group presented their recommendations to the HRSC and received consensus to recommend Project List 2013 to the City.

The Project List 2013, as recommended by the HSRC, is currently being implemented. The annual tree trimming/removal, including additional tree trimming/removals that were beyond the original scope of the annual tree trimming contract, has been completed. The balance of the items (which include replants, replacement of split rail fencing and some sprinkler upgrades) will be completed prior to the end of the calendar year. Special Districts Division staff is also coordinating with the Planning Division to modify the plant palette in the Hidden Springs Specific Plan to ensure conformance.

## Third Annual Litter Clean-Up

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, thirteen HSRC volunteers participated in their Third Annual Litter Clean-Up. The residents collected 18 trash bags of debris from within the paseos. The trash bags were donated by The Home Depot and Lowes. The residents launched the grassroots effort in November 2011 in an effort to supplement their landscape maintenance services after it was transitioned to a modified reduced service level in October 2011. Service levels were reduced after a majority of the property owners opted to not support an increase in their annual Zone E-2 parcel charge. The Zone E-2 parcel charge funds the landscape maintenance of the parkways and paseos within Hidden Springs.

## CSD Property Lookup Tool Updated with 2013/14 Data

FY 2013/14 property tax data for the Community Services District parcel charges/taxes has been updated in the CSD Property Lookup tool. The CSD Property Lookup tool is available from the Special Districts Division website. Utilizing the tool, customers can see which CSD parcel charges/tax were levied against their property for the current fiscal year. The tool also links to the Moreno Valley Map Viewer tool which enables customers to see the general location of the landscaping improvements maintained with the funding provided by their parcel charges.

Community Services District Annual Brochure Mailed During the second week of November, property owners who are assessed a Community Services District parcel charge/tax on their 2013/14 Riverside County Property Tax Bill were mailed an informational brochure on services they receive for their parcel charge/tax. (There are approximately 48,000 parcels assessed at least one parcel charge or tax supporting the CSD Zones.) This is



the second year of the document since its introduction in 2012. The goal of the brochure is to inform property owners about the services they receive from their special district programs, identify what cost saving measures are being taken to maximize use of the funding, report on additional services being provided and advise how to obtain further information about them. These programs include: Zone A for Parks and Community Services, Zone B and C for street lights, Zones D and E for landscape maintenance of community landscaping, Zone M for arterial median landscape maintenance and Zone S for maintenance of the revitalization improvements on Sunnymead

Boulevard. Both English and Spanish versions of the brochure are also available from the Special Districts Division website.

## Technology Services Division

E-Government News: Local Residents' Committee Utilizes New Moreno Valley Map Viewer (MV<sup>2</sup>)

The Hidden Springs Residents Committee recently utilized the City's new online Moreno Valley Map Viewer and its built-in toolset to produce a 25 page recommended plantings proposal for their neighborhood. The interactive online application allows users to easily define and annotate custom maps. As they say, "A picture (map) is worth a thousand words."

Selection, drawing, and labeling tools were used to identify specific locations and propose landscaping suggestions. Here is one page from the proposal. Notice that the eye is immediately drawn to the GIS image which makes the proposed plantings easy to understand and visualize.



A HTML5 Mobile version of the site will roll-out in the next two weeks. The current version provides maximum functionality to those who view the application on a Windows-based computer. The new version will make the application available via other operating systems and is specifically designed for mobile devices. Moreno Valley's GIS team continues to provide the organization and our City's residents with data and the tools needed to put that data to use.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Explorers

Several Moreno Valley Fire Explorers from Post 946 have been working hard to complete the final level of training to obtain a Class III Explorer Certification. A Fire Explorer must complete a minimum of 50 hours of advance training that includes manipulative skills, fire control, forcible entry, proper utilization of ropes, specific knots, fire hose, stream management and basic first aid. This training is important for an explorer as it builds upon their current skills and allows the explorer the opportunity to respond with professional staff to emergency incidents.

This year Explorer Post 946 is very proud to recognize five of their previous explorers that have chosen to continue their careers in the Fire Service. The five fire explorers are Tommy Bonds with the Dallas Fire Department in Texas, Edgar Gonzales with Moreno Valley Fire Prevention, James Wood and Andrew Reyes with CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire and Xavier Blanco with Riverside County Fire Reserves.

## Fire Prevention

On October 15 and 16, Fire Inspectors Frank Martinez, Sonya Bu, Edgar Gonzalez, and Mikki Sherry attended a course on Changes to California National Fire Protection Association 25 (NFPA 25). The course was designed to inform fire inspectors and contractors of the upcoming 2014 changes to

NFPA 25, which regulates inspection, testing, and maintenance of water based fire protection systems.

Fire Safety Specialists Carlos Rodriguez and Paul Villalobos attended a course on Changes to the 2013 California Fire Code, on November 7 in Del Mar, California. The course provides inspectors updates on all of the changes found in the 2013 Fire Code that differ from the 2010 Fire Code. The 2013 California Fire Code will become effective on January 1, 2014 in the State of California.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz completed the Fire Code Amendment package that will be submitted to City Council for adoption in November 2013. The Fire Code amendments complete the master code adoption package that was prepared by the Building Official. The new code amendments will become effective January 1, 2014 in conjunction with the State's adoption of California Title 24. In order to better serve the needs of our customers, Moreno Valley Fire Prevention has begun conducting reviews of solar plans in house and will no longer be sending these plans to an outside contractor. This new process will reduce review wait time and will streamline the coordination of the review process between Fire Prevention and Building & Safety.

Fire Prevention Staff continues to work with representatives of Polly's Pies to complete their final occupancy process in preparation of their grand opening in Mid-November.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz and Fire Chief Abdul Ahmad have worked very closely with representatives from the I-215 Logistics Facility and their design engineers, as well as the city's selected engineering consultant to review a comprehensive performance based design proposal put forth by the developer Trammell Crow. This review was extremely time-consuming as it evaluated all aspects of construction design and code application for a building of 1.7 million square feet. After many submission reviews and much discussion, fire department staff was able to reach an agreement on the building design for fire protection purposes and were able to issue a letter of support for the final design. This building will become an Amazon.com fulfillment center in 2014.

Congratulations to Fire Safety Specialist Carlos Rodriguez on his graduation from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Carlos is just one of many fire prevention staff currently working on advanced degrees. Great Job Carlos!

## Office of Emergency Management

On October 19, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Emergency Response Force (ERF) volunteers participated in Moreno Valley's first ever RideMoval bike race event. Both OEM staff and ERF volunteers were staged at Gateway Park and Celebration Park to perform basic medical operations and first aid as needed to participants and bystanders.

On October 23, Emergency Management Program Specialist Bobbie Duval participated in the Riverside County Department of Public Health Communications Table Top Exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to evaluate existing communication capabilities and procedures, which included stakeholders, methods, information type, and messages, in response to a public health/medical emergency.

On November 3, Emergency Management Program Specialist Bobbie Duval and five Emergency Response Force volunteers participated in the Painting of the Moreno Valley "M" project. Both staff and volunteers were staged both at the bottom of Box Springs mountain and near the "M" itself to provide first aid to the volunteers dedicated to the painting project.

## Significant Events

On October 6, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a working structure fire in Morrison Park Fire Station 99's primary response area. The first arriving engine found a two story single family dwelling with fire visible from a side second story window. The first engine established its own water supply and initiated a rescue mode due to reports of victims trapped and one reported person jumping from the second story. All seven occupants who included four adults and three children had safely evacuated the premises. A total of five engines, one truck company, a breathing support unit, and one chief officer responded to the incident, for a total of 24 personnel. The fire was contained within five minutes of the first arriving engine.

On October 6, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a residential structure fire in Sunnymead Fire Station 2's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 2 found heavy smoke and fire issuing from the front windows of a single-story residence. Firefighters quickly initiated a simultaneous confinement and extinguished of the fire, search for trapped occupants, ventilation of heat and smoke, and the salvage of property. The residence's only occupant escaped from the home unharmed prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. Responding companies confined and contained the fire to a single bedroom in 20 minutes. A total of five engine companies, one truck company, and one chief officer responded to the incident for a total of 20 personnel.

On October 7, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 responded with AMR to a reported vehicle into structure. The first arriving engine company found a passenger vehicle that crashed through a closed garage door and into two vehicles parked inside the garage. The subject vehicle had backed out of the garage prior to the arrival of firefighters. The driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local area trauma center. The home sustained major structural



damage and forced the displacement of its three residents. The Moreno Valley Building and Safety Division was contacted and requested to respond to evaluate the structural integrity of the residence.

On October 20, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a residential structure fire in Towngate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 6 located heavy smoke issuing from under the eaves and a rear window. Responding companies quickly established command and attacked the fire which was located in a rear bedroom and the attic. The fire was contained within ten minutes of the arrival of the first company. The occupants of the residence escaped the



fire after being alerted by the home's smoke detectors. Overall, a total of five fire engines, one truck company and one chief officer were assigned to this incident for a total of 20 personnel.

On October 21, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire responded to a residential structure fire in the Kennedy Park Fire Station 65's primary response area. Upon arrival, Engine 65 located light smoke issuing under the eaves and fire burning around the adjacent gas meter. Gas services were immediately interrupted by the responding companies. The fire was contained within minutes of the first arriving engine. Damage was limited to a portion of the eaves and roof surface, as well as the gas meter and nearby electrical meter. The residents escaped

unharmed prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. A total of five engines, one truck and two chief officers responded to the incident for a total of 21 personnel.

On October 22, Sunnymead Ranch Engine 48 and Towngate Engine 6 responded with AMR to a report of an unconscious minor child at a nearby school. Two person CPR was in progress by school staff and a Moreno Valley Police Department Officer prior to the arrival of Fire Department personnel. Upon arrival, Fire Department paramedics determined the child was in cardiac arrest. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 48 and Engine 6 rapidly initiated advance life support care. Once AMR arrived on scene, the patient was placed on a gurney and was rapidly transported to a local area hospital. While enroute both firefighter paramedics continued their attempt to resuscitate the young child. Sadly, after arrival to the hospital the child did not survive.

## PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Special Events

The City's first ever bike ride was a great success. Rides included 5, 15, 32 miles and Metric Century distances. There were more than 100 bicyclists registered. The event was complete with a concert and vendors at the conclusion of the ride outside the CRC.

Artober Fest was held on October 26 at the CRC. There were approximately 3,000 people attending the event throughout the day. New this year were food trucks, Pet in the Park Adoption, a petting zoo, and Project Rudolph.

The Arts Commission will be hosting its first annual Craft Faire on November 16 at the Senior Community Center.

MoVal Movies have returned! The first complimentary fall and winter movie in the gym was held on October 26 at the Conference and Recreation Center. Local residents were welcome to enjoy "*Hotel Transylvania*", as well as themed decorations and activities. Staff would like to thank Potter's House for the pre-show puppet show, as well as the high school volunteers from Moreno Valley, Valley View, and Vista Del Lago for their assistance with the fun-filled seasonal event. Additional movie nights are planned for November 23 with "*Rise of the Guardians*" and December 14 with "*Arthur Christmas*."

Recreation staff are also beginning to prepare for the many up-coming holiday events in December including:

- Letters to Santa: Local children may drop off their letters at the Conference and Recreation Center November 25 through December 12. Children can also receive a specialized response from Santa Claus if they include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their letter. Santa's helpers within the City will ensure that all of the letters reach Santa Claus.
- Santa Live will be held on December 9 on MVTV-3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone lines are anticipated to be consistently busy with callers wishing to speak to Santa Claus and tell him what they would like for Christmas. Santa and accompanying host will ask holiday trivia questions with winners gaining prizes.
- The Jr. Chef Workshop is scheduled to be held at the TownGate Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on December 10. Attending children, ages four to twelve years, will enjoy an evening of creative crafts that they will take home to share with friends and family.
- The Holiday Craft will be held on December 12 at the TownGate Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children four to twelve years of age will spend a fun-filled evening getting their hands sticky putting together fantastic holiday treats.

- The seasonal holiday events will conclude on December 14. From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., community children ages two to twelve years are invited to attend Breakfast with Santa inside the Conference and Recreation Center's Grand Valley Ballroom. Participants will enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared specifically for them. The children will then be entertained with a morning of crafts, music, games, and had a special visit with Santa Claus.
- Parks and Community Services is proud to bring MoVal Snow Day to the local youth. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., children ages 13 and younger are invited to play in snow brought in especially for them at the Conference and Recreation Center. With the wonderful snow access, participants will be entertained with live performances, crafts, and games. Please join us for a day full of winter wonderland fun!

## Parks Projects

Lasselle Sports Park is about 95% complete. The remaining items are relating to the landscape contractor. Once these items are completed, the park will undergo a 90-day maintenance period. It is anticipated to open the park during the first quarter of 2014.





Rancho Verde Park, located over the aqueduct pipeline, east of Lasselle St. at Cremello is in the planning stages. This linear park site is approximately 3.5 acres. Anticipated construction will be in calendar year 2015.

Vista Lomas Park, located on 26700 Iris Avenue, will receiving new playground surfacing. The surface will consist of synthetic turf over a rubberized pad. This surfacing meets requirements for playground safety and ADA. The project will commence in December.





The first phase of Hound Town Dog Park improvements are completed, which include the training apparatus. The second phase improvements include providing water and grass. The second phase is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000.

## Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include: Added DG to trails; repaired shade shelter at Victoriano Park; aerated and overseeded greens at golf course; overseeded and top dressed greens at golf course; R&R concrete at Morrison Park; and sprayed weeds at parks.

Projects in progress include: Replant planters at TownGate Memorial Park I; remove old and install new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites (75% complete); strip and paint shelters at Weston Park (ongoing); weed abatement at Poormans and Festival Site (ongoing – MVEC and March Field complete); irrigate and turf dog park (ongoing); spread out the sand and put in the corrals at the equestrian center (75% complete); overseed and fertilize sports fields; aerate tees and overseed greens at golf course; repair shelters at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks; add sandbags to trails (50% complete); trim palms at Bethune, Vista Lomas and Celebration Parks; aerate and overseed sport

fields at JFK, Woodland, MARB Ballfields, Pedrorena and El Potrero Parks; and install new barbecue at Vista Lomas.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas in October: Community Park (\$292) Edison Easement (\$47), El Potrero Park East (\$45), Gateway Park (\$27), Grande Vista Trail (\$85), JFK Park (\$31), TownGate Park (\$29), and Weston Park (\$82) for a total of \$638. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti during September 2013 were 12 hours, approximately 1.5 full-time work days.

The Mobile Stage Unit was used on October 31 for Victory Outreach.

Staff was trained on Personal Protective Equipment on October 10.

Court referrals performed a total of 189 hours during October 2013. The total hours for court referrals in 2013 are 3,486 which equates to approximately 435 full-time work days.

In October the Park Rangers patroled 1,945 areas, had 4,308 public contacts, and reported 115 violations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol violations in the parks.

## Recreation Division

The Pee Wee and Junior basketball league is concluding with 120 participants, ages three to seven years. The season will conclude with an awards ceremony that family and friends can attend.

The Department is currently in the middle of the adult softball league, and competition is fierce as all the teams vie for a playoff spot. Barring any rain delays, the league should be done just before the start of the new year.

Youth Basketball Skills Day will be held on November 16, followed by a draft to begin the youth basketball season, which runs from December to March.

Time for Tots continues to fill months in advance with some sessions filled to the end of December. In addition to the educational curriculum, special activity days held in October for the children ages three to five years included Friendship Day, Bring Your Teddy to School Day, and Columbus Day, as well as participating in the Great California Shakeout.

The annual Fall Festival was held on October 31 at the Conference and Recreation Center, which included trunk-or-treating, festive games, story time, a pumpkin patch, and a special performance by the participants. Staff would also like to thank the city employees and local businesses and organizations including Aaron's Rentals, John's Incredible Pizza, Alessandro Self Storage, and Fire Station # 6 for making the event a success.

Staff are now busy planning for fall Valley Kids Camp to open the week of November 25 through November 27. Children in grades kindergarten through eighth from the Moreno Valley and Val Verde School Districts will enjoy their

break from school spending their days at camp playing exciting themed recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, nurturing their creativity with arts and crafts, and experiencing funfilled on-site activities.

October was a busy month for many recreation classes. Community residents continued to register for music, art, dance, martial arts, and cheerleading classes. Many of these classes are beginning to prepare for the Winter Holiday Performance scheduled for December 11. Staff are also busy adding additional classes and programs scheduled to begin in the New Year. More information to be released soon!

Staff transformed the Cottonwood Golf Center into a spooky clown themed Haunted House. The House of Clowns was consistently filled with community residents of all ages on October 25, 26, and 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for those who dared to be scared. The return of the frightening annual event was also expanded to include two evenings of a Fall Festival which included food and informational community vendors.



Youth under the age of 12 years enjoyed crafts, games, and other activities with an optional visit through the Haunted House. Staff would like to thank the many volunteers from the local high schools including Canyon Springs, Vista Del Lago, and Rancho Verde for their assistance in making





this year's event a success. Staff would also like to thank the City employees whom braved their way through the Haunted House for a private viewing on October 22. City employees were needed this evening to wander the spooky maze and to assist staff in the preparation of the public opening. Thank you for your support of our community program!

## Senior Community Center

Free watch repair was offered to seniors on October 7.

Free notary service was offered on October 17 by Steen's Mobile Notary.

On October 17, the Center held its annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club. There were more than 180 seniors enjoying the delicious dinner. Most if not all the seniors walked away with a gift or prize from the Rotary Club.

The October Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on October 24. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal and a box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

On October 31, the Center held its annual costume party and dance sponsored by Prime Care. More than 85 seniors attended. There were prizes awarded for best costume, most creative costume, scariest costume, and funniest costume. There were plenty of treats to go around for all the seniors to enjoy.

Upcoming events include the CarFit on November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the back parking lot and the Arts Commission's First Annual Craft Faire on November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Citywide Camera System Update

On Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> the City of Moreno Valley, the Moreno Valley Police Department and AVRIO Group held an open house to officially launch the Citywide Camera System (CCS). The open house was a success with over 60 attendees, including a variety of other government entities, vendors and City employees. All attendees listened to a CCS presentation at the Emergency Operations Center and received a tour of the monitoring room at the Police Department.

We continue to recruit and training Police Department volunteers to monitor the CCS. We currently have 13 Police volunteers and 40 Police employees trained to monitor the CCS. The Police volunteers are manning the system at various times throughout the day and night they are accompanied by light duty Moreno Valley Police Officers.

## Community Services Recruiting Volunteers

MVPD Community Services Unit continues to actively recruit citizen volunteers for a variety of Police service opportunities. MVPD volunteers enjoy a range of volunteer police service opportunities including:

- Citizens Patrol Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units.
- Anti-Graffiti Patrol Non uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandalism.
- Mounted Posse
- Neighborhood Watch
- Front Office Assistant Assist front office personnel with day to day activities.
- Critical Incident Call Outs Response to major incidents within the city to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons.
- Citywide Camera System monitoring.

The MVPD is determined to grow our community partnerships. Public Safety is everyone's responsibility, and the Community Services Unit is dedicated to offering ways for Moreno Valley Citizens to partner with their Police Department.

Our Community Services and Special Enforcement Teams (SET) are continuing their annual effort to ensure this busy holiday season will be a peaceful one. The Problem Oriented Policing Unit and other SET members will be conducting theft deterrence operations in our local business parking lots, and providing high visibility patrols in our business districts. Our volunteer Mounted Posse will join the effort too, and ride patrols at the Moreno Valley Mall.

Our Community Services Unit continues to work in cooperation with our community partners to collect donations in support of projects like Operation SafeHouse "Stuff the Bus", "Christmas Cheer" and "Shop with a Cop". We are happy to report the Operation SafeHouse "Stuff the Bus" giving campaign was a huge success. Together with our Moreno Valley community partners, we raised over \$5,000.00 in donations. Over the last several years Moreno Valley has enjoyed the distinction of being the largest contributor to the "Stuff the Bus" fundraiser. However, this year thanks to the good natured friendly challenges that our Chief of Police made to other police departments, we were dethroned by Palm Desert, who collected over \$27,000 in donations. Even though our community lost the annual position as top contributor, we could not be happier to see the giving stepped up so dramatically. Thanks to our collective support and the dedicated people at Operation SafeHouse, emergency shelter, intervention and outreach services can be provided to our youth in crisis.

## Case of the Month

In early November our officers responded to a residence located in the 13000 block of Indian St., in the City of Moreno Valley, to assist Child Protective Services (CPS) with an investigation into an allegation that illegal narcotics were being sold in the presence of juveniles. Through the investigation our officers discovered there were possibly illegal weapons at the location, and decided to call in our Special Enforcement Team. The Special Enforcement team detained a man and woman at the house, while CPS cared for two juveniles.

During the investigation, our officers located a large amount of marijuana, some cocaine, a loaded assault rifle with high capacity magazines and two loaded handguns. A records check revealed the detained woman already had an active arrest warrant for Child Endangerment. The Sheriff's Department Drug Endangered Children Unit responded to assist with the investigation and eventually arrested both the man and woman for several felony and misdemeanor charges. Child Protective Services placed both children in protective custody.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

## Capital Projects

## APWA 2013 Project of the Year - Cactus Avenue/Nason Street Improvement Project

The Cactus Avenue/Nason Street Improvement Project encompasses Nason Street between Cactus Avenue and Iris Avenue, and Cactus Avenue between Nason Street and Lasselle Avenue. The Cactus Avenue and Nason Street improvements were each approximately one mile in length totaling two miles of street widening and missing gap closure. The improvements included new sidewalks, curb ramps, Class 2/Class 3 bikeways, drought-tolerant landscaped medians (with no irrigation), and flood control improvements. This project significantly enhanced traffic flow, pedestrian walkability, bicycle access mobility, and reduced the fire and police departments' response time, besides improving ambulance travel time to the adjacent Riverside County trauma hospital. The project was budgeted for \$25M which included financial partnerships with Southern California Edison (SCE), Eastern Municipal Water District, and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The project was completed two months ahead of schedule with over \$2M in savings, for a closeout cost of \$23M.

This was the City's first experience in "Public Private Partnership". City staff and the adjacent Developer worked together in preparing the plans, specifications, and estimates at no cost to the City; the Developer donated all the needed public rights-of-way. The mile long Cactus Avenue segment required coordination with SCE to remove 37 power poles to underground the overhead electrical infrastructure, all while maintaining power to the adjacent Riverside County Hospital. Kaiser Hospital benefited with direct access and improved emergency response times. The project included installing an extensive network of storm drain systems carrying 1,600 cubic feet per second of flood water runoff, for flood protection and public safety.

The Nason Street gap closure included the City's first non-irrigated median with drought tolerant landscaping (77 trees and 1,048 shrubs) conserving thousands of gallons of water each year, as well as long term maintenance costs. Special desert plants and trees were selected that would thrive on annual rainfall. The parkways between the curb and sidewalk included bio-swale features to handle surface runoff for water quality purposes. This was the City's first series of 48 LED street lights for increased energy efficiency, providing a brighter light source while reducing the carbon footprint of the project and increasing the safety of the motoring and pedestrian public. There was 5,400 tons of asphalt and concrete recycled and the entire roadway was paved with rubberized asphalt diverting over 22,000 tires from the landfill. The construction of the Class 2 and 3 bike lanes and additional bus-stops resulted in reduced vehicle emissions and increased multi-modal options.

This project vastly improved traffic circulation in the area, vehicle and pedestrian safety, Level of Service, and hospital access, at the same time it reduced the carbon emissions not only for these two streets, but for adjacent streets within contiguous traffic corridors, for the overall benefit of the City. Therefore, the City of Moreno Valley was awarded the APWA Southern California Chapter's BEST Project of the Year.

## Fire Station No.6 Multipurpose Annex.

The project constructs a new multipurpose building, 17'x32' in size, in the back parking lot of Fire Station No. 6 to replace an old shed. The new multipurpose building provides space for hoses, equipment and oxygen recharge station. The project construction includes





relocation of the existing gas and water line, new electrical line installation for inside lighting, and installation of a rolling door. The project construction started in July 2013. Construction will finish by mid-December 2013 (weather permitting).

## State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge

The contractor continues to complete the east side of the new bridge. The contractor closed the 60 freeway during nighttime weekend hours on October 18 and 19 and successfully removed the wooden false work, and poured concrete for the bridge approach slabs. The contractor completed the erection of the concrete sound wall panels along Elder Avenue, and is pouring the footings. In November, the contractor will be completing the bridge closure pour, which will close the space between the east and west sides of the new bridge. In late November and early December, the contractor will be finishing electrical work on the traffic signals, placing concrete curb and median in Nason, and placing light poles and fence on the new bridge. When the project is complete, there will be new lanes, sidewalks, street lights, and a median on Nason. The bridge construction is expected to be completed in winter 2014. In September, Caltrans approved the landscaping/hardscape plan, and the work is being added to the project, with an anticipated completion by April 2014.









## State Route 60/Moreno Beach Drive Interchange - Phase 1

The City has completed construction on Phase 1 of this interchange project, including the punch through (gap closure) of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive. Retailers in the area continue to report very positive feedback from customers. The goal of Phase 1 was to realign the eastbound ramps to and from Moreno Beach Drive and extend Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive. The City and Caltrans are performing final conformance reviews and close-out activities. For Phase 2, the City expects to hear by January 2014 whether a competitive grant through Riverside County Transportation Commission for construction funds was successful. If so, those funds would be allocated to replacing the bridge as well as reconstructing the ramps on the north side of the 60 freeway.





## Moreno Master Drainage Plan Line "F", Stage 2 Channel Project

The Line F, Stage 2 channel crosses Nason Street at 900 feet north of Iris Avenue and has been under construction for 5 months. During that time the Contractor has graded the channel, installed 3,200 linear feet of channel, 33" sewer modifications which included 190 linear feet of 15 " bypass sewer line, three new manholes, and several short storm drain lateral connections for future Master Plan storm drain construction.

The Contractor is working on completing the easterly end of the channels remaining 300 linear feet of concrete installation, and the westerly 1,100 linear foot section to connect to the existing Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District trapezoidal channel. The project is expected to be completed by the end of December (weather permitting).

City staff continues to coordinate with the contractor, Bedon Construction, Inc., Eastern Municipal Water District, and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on the construction. Upon completion, the District will take over the ownership and maintenance of the improvements. The environmental firm for the project continues to monitor the Burrowing Owl and Bird Nesting activities as part of the mitigation measures.

This project will complete a majority of the public infrastructure in the City Center help reduce the flood insurance rates for adjacent property owners, aid the City to promote and attract new medical related developments, and continue to build upon the





expansions underway by surrounding medical facilities.

## The Wayfinding Signs Project

The contractor, Fusion Sign & Design Incorporated, has completed the shop drawings, and constructed and installed two sample Wayfinding signs, directional, and "Welcome to Moreno Valley" signs that City staff field reviewed and approved. Below are the two samples of these installed signs

A total of thirty-three signs will be installed by mid-November 2013. Six of the signs will be "Welcome to Moreno Valley" signs at key entrance points primarily located at or near major freeway off-ramp locations. There is currently a Welcome sign installed at TownGate Boulevard facing eastbound traffic, just east of Day Street as shown below. Twenty-seven directional signs will also be fabricated and installed at various locations along major roadways to direct the community and visitors to various public buildings and sites, to include: the Civic Center, Animal Shelter, Library, Corporate Yard, Social Security office, March ARB, and the Post Office. There are currently 10 directional signs installed, with the nearest installation on Frederick Street facing southbound traffic just north of Calle San Juan de Los Lagos. The picture shown below on the left shows the Perris Boulevard Wayfinding sign south of the west bound SR-60 freeway on-ramp.





# <u>Cactus Avenue Eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane Widening Project From Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Veterans Way</u>

City Council approved the Construction Agreement with Vance Corporation at their October 8, 2013 meeting for the widening of approximately 3,400 linear feet of Cactus Avenue from I-215 northbound off-ramp to Veterans Way. The majority of the work will be adding an eastbound third lane along the southerly edge of Cactus Avenue. The project was made possible with the use of Development Impact Fee (DIF) Funds and a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant successfully obtained by staff, totaling \$1,120,000.00.



Staff held the Pre-Construction Meeting on October 22, 2013 to kick off the project. The meeting included several agencies including representatives from March Joint Powers Authority and March Air Reserve Base, the contractor, and several consultants. Extensive communication and coordination will be required between all parties to see this project to fruition.

The Notice to Proceed to Fulfill Preconstruction Requirements and Order of Materials was also issued on October 22, 2013. Staff is currently working diligently with the contractor to start

construction in the next few weeks. The proposed work includes the construction of street improvements; traffic signal modifications; pavement markers and striping; drainage improvements; and retaining walls.

Staff will soon be issuing the Notice to Proceed with Construction and additional information will be forthcoming as construction commences. The picture below reflects the two existing eastbound lanes which will be widened to add a third lane to increase the level of service (LOS) during peak traffic congestion times.



## Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements

Staff has issued the Notice to Proceed with Construction for PTM General Engineering Services to commence construction on the Citywide Pedestrian Enhan cements project. Ground broke in early October on the project and the Contractor has made great progress thus far.

The project will improve the pedestrian experience for all users through the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramps, sidewalk, pedestrian push buttons, and appurtenances at 11 intersections (25 ramps) throughout the City. The project sites were selected

from the City's Public Right of Way Access ADA Transition Plan priority list and from requests by disabled residents.

The project is made possible by a matching grant from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (SB 821 grant) with local match from Measure A and Gas Tax funds. As a cost saving measure, the project was designed in-house by Capital Projects Division staff.



To date, new ramps and sidewalk construction has been completed or nearly completed at the intersections of Patricia Street and Margaret Avenue, Patricia Street and Filaree Avenue, Patricia Street and Fay Avenue, Patricia Street and Gentian Street, and Indian Street and Manzanita Avenue. The reconfiguration of the eastbound approach at the intersection of Indian Street and Manzanita Avenue is in the final stages of construction with the new curb, gutter, and sidewalk installed and the southwest ramp updated to meet ADA compliance. The remaining improvements are anticipated to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.



## Gilman Springs Road Improvements

The project is under construction and to be completed by mid-December 2013. The project includes the repaving and drainage improvements along Gilman Springs Road from SR-60 to south city limit, as well as modifications to the Gilman Springs and Alessandro Boulevard intersection to provide a new left turn lane for Gilman Springs Road onto Alessandro Boulevard. The project is designed and constructed by the County of Riverside as part of its extended Gilman Spring Road Improvements project covering both the County and City's jurisdictions. The City is responsible for the construction and construction engineering costs for the City owned portion of Gilman Springs Road from Eucalyptus Avenue to Kevin Road.







Heacock Street Improvements from San Michele Road to Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "A"

The City successfully submitted a project funding request to Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) to complete Phase II of the Heacock Street Improvements project, which includes the segment from Perris Valley Storm Drain (PVSD), approximately 2000 feet south of Iris Avenue, to San Michele Road, as part of the 2014 Annual 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review update. The Central Zone 5-year Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for 2013/2014, proposed to budget \$1.3 million to fund the remaining construction phase of this improvement project.

This segment of road is in the March Joint Powers Authority (March JPA) Road Improvements Zone for Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) funding and reimbursement. The City of Moreno Valley has partnered with March JPA to complete the construction of the Heacock Street Improvements which will benefit both agencies and the regional transportation circulation.

WRCOG provided funding in the 2010 TIP for Phase I of the improvement project which covered a portion of the Heacock Street along March JPA frontage. The project was to realign and widen the roadway from two (2) to four (4) lanes. This project was integrated and constructed as part of the Heacock Street Bridge Replacement project to support traffic growth due to a considerable increase in development in the vicinity.

The City is also pleased to have been informed that WRCOG has approved an additional (approximately) \$300,000 for reimbursement of construction costs for the road improvements over the Heacock Bridge. This portion of the funding will become available upon completion of Phase II of the project, increasing WRCOG's overall contribution to approximately \$1.6 million.

## Land Development Division

## **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Land Development Division for the months of October 2012 and October 2013.

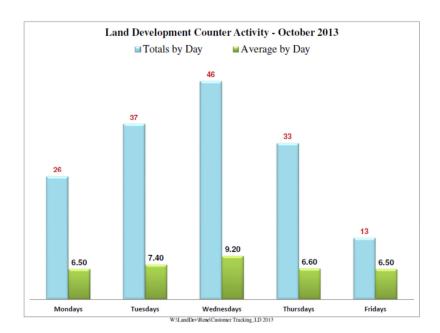
	<u>October 2013</u>	<u>October 2012</u>
Plan Checks Processed	60	13
Grading Permits Issued	3	2
Number of Inspections	244	218
Counter Customer Visit	155	153

WQMP Approval

Preliminary-WQMP: 1

Final-WQMP: 1

NPDES Business Inspections performed: 0



Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program

## Preventative Maintenance Program auto Motive

The vehicle maintenance staff of the autoMotiVe Preventative Maintenance Program recently completed the annual fire extinguisher certification process for the City's entire fleet of approximately 200 vehicles/equipment. We would like to extend our thanks to each of those who utilize City vehicles for delivering the fire extinguishers to Maintenance and Operations thereby allowing this state mandated certification process to be completed in an efficient manner. Each vehicle/equipment should be equipped with a fire extinguisher. If your vehicle/equipment is not equipped with a fire extinguisher, please contact Maintenance and Operations for arrangements to have one installed.

A first aid kit will be the next safety item to be installed in each of the City's vehicles. Maintenance and Operations will be coordinating the first aid kit installation in each City vehicle on a day when the vehicle will not be in use; for most vehicles this will be on a Friday. Then, as each vehicle goes through a preventive maintenance cycle (approximately every six months), the first aid kit in each vehicle will be checked for its contents to keep the kit properly stocked.